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### John Williams Shot

By Sam Walker.

On Sunday afternoon John Williams, a negro, was shot by Sam Walker, another negro, the weapon used being a single-barrel shotgun. The entire lead took effect in the face, neck and chest, causing a dangerous and painful wound.

The shooting took place at Walker's house, near the still of Mr. J. Press Clark, and caused a great deal of excitement for several hours.

From what can be learned, it seems that Williams had been raising a row in the vicinity of his home, having fired his gun a time or two. Walker was sent for to quiet Williams, and succeeded in getting Williams to accompany him. Before they had gone very far, however, Williams became angry and declared that he was going to kill Walker. He returned to his house, secured his shotgun and went direct to the home of Walker. Walker says that Williams had his gun leveled on him when he (Walker) fired.

Sheriff Miller was the first to arrive upon the scene. The officer found Williams lying on the ground across his gun. The weapon was cocked.

Walker accompanied the sheriff to the jail and is being held pending the result of Williams' injuries. The wounded man was carried to his home where his wounds were dressed by Dr. E. P. Derrick.

Both negroes work for Mr. J. Press Clark.

### Live Stock Association.

There will be a meeting of the Lexington Live Stock association held in the court house on next Monday at 11 o'clock. A representative gathering is desired.

W. W. Barre, President.

### No Registration Board.

On account of the refusal of Governor Blease to re-appoint Messrs. B. H. Barre, E. S. J. Hayes and James D. Langford, members of the county registration board, as recommended by the senate, Lexington county is today without an active registration board. It will be recalled that Gov. Blease appointed instead of the old board Messrs. L. W. Wise, R. Wilbur Frick and Manly P. George.

Accompanied by their attorney, ex-Senator Sharpe, Messrs. Wise and George made demand upon Clerk of Court Frank W. Shealy yesterday for the books of the old board. Clerk Shealy refused to turn over the books, having previously been notified by the old board that they intended holding over.

In refusing to turn over the books to the new board, Clerk of Court Shealy stated that he had "absolutely no personal feelings in the matter; that he had been advised by his counsel to let the court decide who were the legal and rightful appointees."

It is likely that an effort will be made to mandamus the clerk of court to turn over the books to the new board appointed by the governor.

In the meantime, the county is without an active registration board.

### St. John's Cemetery

Association.

There will be a called meeting of the Cemetery Association at St. John's church (Oak's Road) on Friday, April the 5th, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m. Business of much importance will be up for consideration, and all members and those in anyway interested are urged to be present.

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### In The Hands of Receiver.

The Lexington Savings Bank, for 20 years considered a financial stronghold, is closed, and the affairs of the bank, together with the affairs of its president, Mr. W. P. Roof, are in the hand of W. H. Townsend, receiver, appointed by the court. As a result of the bank's failure the large department store of W. P. Roof is closed, and the whole matter will be settled under bankruptcy proceedings, which were begun in the United States court in Charleston on Saturday.

The failure of the bank has occasioned a great deal of regret, and has caused much alarm among the depositors. No statement as to what per cent the creditors will receive has been given to the public and it will be several days before anything definite can be ascertained.

The cause of the failure may be assigned to a number of reasons. The rumor was carried broadcast several weeks ago to the effect that the bank was going to the wall and many depositors made a "run" on the bank, drawing out their funds. For a time it was hoped that the bank would be able to stem the heavy tide, but as fast as the money was deposited it would be drawn out by some anxious depositor, it is said.

Mr. Roof has done more for Lexington than any other living man. It was he who caused to be built the Lexington Manufacturing Company and the Sax-Gotha cotton mills, both of which will stand through generations as a living monument to his worth. He has always put his shoulder to the wheel and pushed with all of his energy for every enterprise which looked toward the betterment of his town and community. But few people have ever gone to W. P. Roof for a favor that went away without receiving help. He has held the confidence and esteem of the people of this entire section as no other man has ever held. That he has had confidence in the people is evidenced by the fact that were all the people who are indebted to him to pay up today everyone of his creditors could be paid off dollar for dollar and his mammoth business would continue as if nothing had occurred.

Mr. Roof's great misfortune has been—and this he realizes now when it is too late—his generous nature in furnishing to those from whom he could not secure gilt-edge collateral.

County Treasurer E. L. Wingard has deposits amounting to many thousands of dollars tied up in the bank's securities. The State has about \$22,000 deposited by Capt. D. J. Griffith as a trust fund. Mr. Wingard is under heavy bond and the county will lose nothing.

Clerk of Court Shealy had several thousand dollars deposited in the bank belonging to estates in course of settlement, but Mr. Shealy has made arrangements, on his personal manhood, and he is ready to pay every dollar

### Contract Let For

New Bank Building.

The contract for the new building of the Home National Bank to be erected at the corner of Main and Depot street, has been awarded to H. C. VanOrmer & Son for approximately ten thousand dollars.

The contractors have already commenced work, the old wooden store building of Col. M. D. Harman having been torn down.

The Home National Bank will have by far the handsomest building in this section of the State. The building is to be the finest brick, two-stories high, 65 feet long and 48 feet wide. The bottom floor will be used by the bank and for mercantile purposes, while the upper floor will be cut into eleven office rooms.

The fixtures will be of latest design in workmanship and for elegance will be unsurpassed.

The building will be a credit to the town.

The officers of the bank are: Samuel B. George, president; Dr. J. J. Wingard, vice-president; Alfred J. Fox, cashier; Karl F. Oswald, assistant cashier.

### Bank of Western

Carolina Coming.

The Bank of Western Carolina is going to open a branch in Lexington next week. The Dispatch received the following telegram from Mr. H. M. Dibble, of Aiken president, yesterday: "Please announce that the Bank of Western Carolina, the strongest State bank in South Carolina, will open a branch in Lexington next week. R. D. Smith will be the manager."

That there is plenty of room for another bank here, is recognized by the officers of this bank. The manager, Mr. Rufus D. Smith, is well known to the people of this entire section, having been connected with the Lexington Savings Bank for a number of years, and it goes without saying that the Bank of Western Carolina will draw a large patronage from the jump.

The new bank has a large capital and will be amply able to take care of those farmers who can furnish satisfactory security.

down. The clerk's office, therefore, has not been affected, although Mr. Shealy is a heavy personal loser.

Several hundred dollars, and the veteran county officer, had several hundred dollars on deposit belonging to his office, but he is ready and willing to pay every dollar on demand.

Hundreds of private individuals, farmers and business men, have been seriously affected for the present at least, but it is hoped that further investigation by those in charge of the affairs will change the situation materially, and that every creditor will receive what is justly theirs.

### B. M. Wingard is Dead.

"Huse Wingard is dead." This was the word that was passed from one to another on our streets yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock, and it was this news that carried a shock into the breast of every person who heard it. Surely, in the "midst of life we are in death." Only a short while before he was at his accustomed place in his store, and to those about him he appeared to be in the best of humor. Mr. Wingard had just returned from dinner when he was attacked with acute indigestion. Kind friends assisted him to the Kaminer hotel, and Drs. Wingard and Roberts were summoned. Both worked heroically but without avail and he died a short while afterwards without having regained consciousness.

Mr. Wingard was born near Lexington about 42 years ago. He was a son of Mr. Jacob Wingard, who died a few years ago. He engaged in the mercantile business here upon a small scale about 15 years ago and by hard work, energy and perseverance he worked his way to the top, and his business during the last several years has been a phenomenal success.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Edith Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts, and two young daughters. He is also survived by several brothers and sisters.

His remains were laid to rest in St. Stephen's cemetery this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends. The last sad rites were performed by his beloved pastor, the Rev. T. S. Brown.

In the death of Mr. Wingard the town has lost one of its best citizens, and he will be sorely missed. Peace to his ashes; rest to his soul.

### BLEASE BOARD GIVES UP FUND.

The State, Saturday. The commission named by Gov. Blease to wind up the affairs of the State dispensary has turned over \$35,687.01 to the State treasurer. When the Blease commission took charge, after the Ansel commission was dismissed by the governor, there was a cash balance of \$28,737.95, on deposit. The Blease commission held office for one year and spent over \$4,000 without collecting anything. Under the terms of the Crosson resolution, passed at the last session of the general assembly the Blease commission went out of existence several days ago and a final report is to be made within the next several days.

There is about \$75,000 of the dispensary fund in the hands of the State treasurer. This fund was turned over by the Ansel commission which collected a total of about \$500,000. The total fund, approximately \$100,000, now held by the State treasurer will be distributed among the schools of the State by State Treasurer Jennings, Comptroller General Jones and State Superintendent of Education Swearingen. An act was passed over the objection of the governor at the last session of the general assembly to provide for the distribution of the dispensary fund. The act was first passed in 1911 and was vetoed.

### Job Hallman.

News reached Lexington this morning of the death yesterday of Mr. Job Hallman, one of the most popular young farmers of the Black creek section. The cause of death was measles from which he is said to have had a relapse. He is survived by his wife and several children.

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